Tobacco and Ganja—Central Farm—cultivation of.

221. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why the cultivation of tobacco is discontinued in the Central Farm;

(b) have the Government tried the cultivation of Ganja?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—(a) Some difficulty was experienced to dispose of the tobacco produced in the Central Farm.

(b) Cultivation of Ganja was not tried in the Central Farm.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Is it not because of the bad quality of the tobacco that they experienced the difficulty?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—It was not due to bad quality. But the product had to be sold to the A class licensees who did not take it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Was the quality good?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—It was fairly good.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കട്ടി *(Muslims).*— ഈ പുകയില മുഴുവനും വിൽക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ നശിച്ചുപോകയാണോ ഉണ്ടായതു്?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—The old produce was ordered to be auctioned by the Government. The A class licensees were invited but none of them turned up, though they were individually written to. They did not even reply.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി *(Anthikad).*—എവിടെവച്ചാണ് ലേലം വിളിച്ചതു്?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—In the central farm.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—How can you expect all these licensees to come to the central farm and be present there?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*— The whole stock cannot be taken to them.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ഈച്ചരമേനോൻ *(Chittur Rural).*— ഗഞ്ചാ എവിടെയാണു കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നതു്?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*— It is cultivated in Northern India. Licenses are not given to cultivate it here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—So this cannot be cultivated in the Central farm?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*— No.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*— There is no objection to cultivate but the Madras Government will withdraw the concessions for the import of Ganga. We now import a stock of about 1800 seers worth about 4000 rupees. But it is the duty which is the main income of the Government which comes to Rs. 21 a seer. If we begin to start cultivation they may withhold these concessions.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി *(Muslims).*— ഇവിടെ ആവശ്യമുള്ള ഗഞ്ചാ ഇവിടെതന്നെ നട്ടുവളർത്തുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*— We may be able to do it. In that case the Madras Government may not give the concession. It may not be worth while to do it. It is not produced in Northern India, but in Ganjam and Bellary.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി *(Muslims).*— ഒരു സേർ ഗഞ്ചാവിനു എന്തു വിലകൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Commissioner of Excise).*— The cost price is Rs. 2.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി *(Anthikad).*— ഇവിടെ നട്ടു വളർത്തിയ പുകയില എക്സിബിറ്റു ചെയ്യുകയോ മറ്റുള്ളവരെ അറിയിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*— It has already been explained.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—What is the quantity of tobacco cultivated?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—I do not remember. It was about seven years ago.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Does the farm people know how to cure it and give it a superior quality? Is that the reason that none of the licensees came up?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—Special men experienced in curing were brought down.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—Has it been compared with the tobacco that is available in the market?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—Yes. A sample was sent to the A class licensees and what they said was that it was of fair quality.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government try the experiment once more?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി *(Muslims).*— എങ്ങിനെയാണ് എ. ക്ലാസ് പുകയിലക്കാരെ അറിയിക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—The Excise Commissioner was asked to address the A class licensees and they were invited.

Mr. President.—Are you satisfied from a technical point of view that the same tobacco can be cured in the central farm?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Superintendent of Agriculture)* There are different varieties. It is a fairly good sample.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Does it favourably compare with those in the market?

Mr. President.—If that was so the A class licensees would have come up and bought it.

Plant diseases—attending of—Agriculture Department.

൨൨൨. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*—താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

(ഉ) കവുങ്ങു മുതലായ വൃക്ഷങ്ങളിൽ സാധാരണമായി കണ്ടുവരാറുള്ള മാഹാളിക്കേടു് എന്ന പകച്ചുവ്യാധിക്കു മരുന്നു തളിക്കുന്നതിനു കൃഷിവകുപ്പിൽ ആരെയെങ്കിലും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്രപേരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

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